Agriculture's importance stressed in program here

TRACY GARRETT is using a laying flock as part of her supervised occupational experience program (S.O.E.P.), which is vital to any student enrolled in the vocational agriculture program.

And who shall feed the world? Currently the American farmer produces enough food to feed 76 people. That represents 51 domestic individuals and 25 foreign individuals. One farmer creates jobs for 5 nonfarm people who provide services and materials farmers need and who process, transport, and market the products farmers produce.

Hands-on experience in agriculture is a major emphasis of vocational agriculture education. Through practical experience, Agriculture Education students are preparing for careers in agriculture production.

Agriculture Production Option is one of the three agricultural education options offered at Appomattox County High School. The Agriculture Production Option gives students an understanding of production agriculture including animal science skills, plant and crop science skills, leadership skills, electrical wiring skills, record keeping skills, shop skills including arc welding, brazing, soldering, woodworking and concrete. Approximately sixty percent of our time is spent in classroom, activities including field trips, demonstrations on the land lab and local farms, and resource persons visiting our classes. The other forty percent of time is spent learning and developing shop skills.

Two very important segments of the production curriculum are Supervised Occupational Experience Programs (SOEP), and Future Farmers of America (FFA). The SOEP program teaches the student how to keep records thus showing the student whether or not their projects are profitable. The FFA is an integral part of the production option and is often times an outgrowth of classroom activities. For example, students may choose to participate in one of the following contests: Dairy Judging, Crops Judging, Livestock Judging, and Farm Business Management which are a direct outgrowth of production agriculture classes.

From production to processing, service to market-FFA and Agriculture Education are "Keeping America in the Grow".

Horticulture offered as option

Horticulture is offered at ACHS as one of the three option areas in Agriculture Education. The course is designed to prepare students for careers in any of several occupations which require a knowledge of plant growth and care. Students with interests in forestry, greenhouse crop production, lawn and turf management, or nursery production have the opportunity to gain knowledge in these and other areas.

Specific areas of instruction and selected activities for horticulture students include the production of greenhouse crops. Each year the students schedule and grow a crop of poinsettias for Christmas, chrysanthemums for Mother's Day, and a variety of bedding plants for spring. Soils, fertilization, cultural practices, variety selections, and marketing are taught with each crop that is produced.

Home gardening, there fruits, and small fruits also receive attention in the Horticulture classroom. Prunning of fruit trees and ornamentals is a topic of much interest during the winter and early spring. Lawn establishment and management is covered with all students.

It is the intent and purpose of the Horticulture option to give students a basic foundation of knowledge in the broad field of plant science. Upon completion of the course of study, students hopefully will be able to use this knowledge as they enter the job market or continue to further their education.

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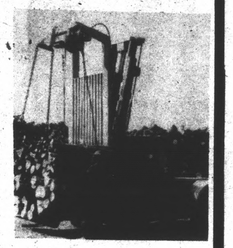

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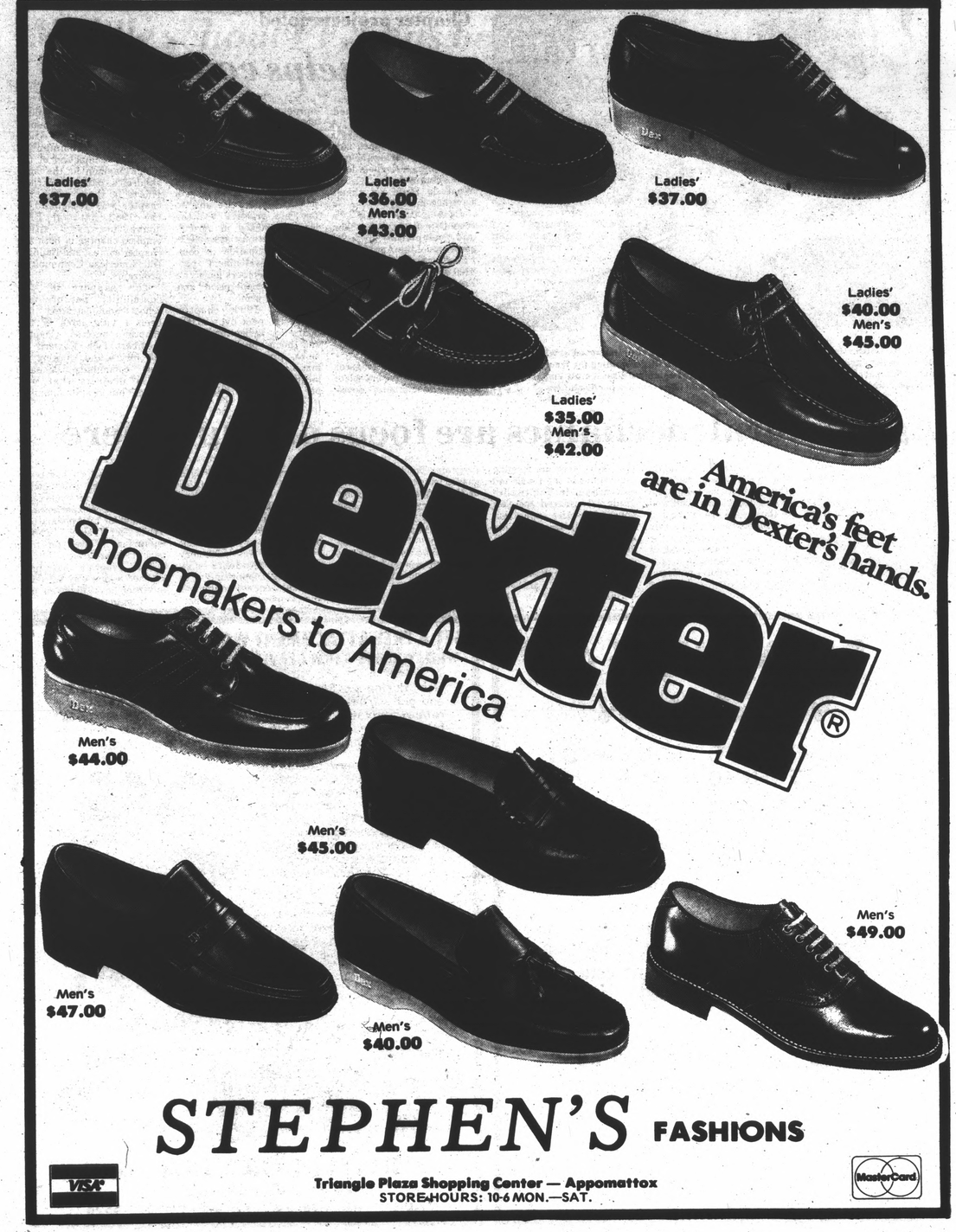

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